

Name of activity, event, and location	Sailing @ Doddington (Nantwich) Sailing Club	Date of risk assessment	09/07/2022	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Chris Wood
	12 th South West Cheshire Shavington Scout Group Cubs & Scouts	Date of next review	08/07/2023, or earlier as appropriate		

The session(s) will be manned by members of the Nantwich Sailing Club who are all qualified RYA Senior Instructors

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Behaviour - Risk of over excitement	All Present	Everyone to follow section code of conduct that sets clear expectations and behaviour standards.	
Bangs on heads	All Present	Appropriately trained and experienced person to lead, Ensure boat is in to wind, Do not rig in strong winds, Fix padding to booms if needed, Increased supervision, Look out for wind direction and changes, Ensure that equipment is safe, Wear headgear if appropriate, Secure equipment.	
Capsize	All Present	Briefing before leaving shore, Participants stay near capsized craft, try to right the craft, signal to safety boat.	
Collisions with other boats.	All Present	Briefing sessions before going on water, Launch and recover away from congested moorings, Supervision, and follow water code	
Dispersal of fleet	All Present	Briefing sessions before going on water. Assess and review weather conditions. Craft must be kept away from areas with strong currents, Appropriate numbers of safety boats and adults in approved ratio to	

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		size of fleet	
Fast / strong flowing currents.	All Present	Briefing sessions before going on water, Local knowledge, review and monitor conditions, Boat away from areas with stong currents.	
Fire when afloat (safety boats only)	All Present	Awareness of safety, Refueling procedures, Carry and use fire extinguisher, only use approved fuel containers, Minimal amount of fuel storage on boat commensurate with its use on that occasion, No Smoking policy	
Grounding	All Present	Local knowledge of shallow areas. Review and monitor conditions	
Hand injruries, crushing, rope burns	All Present	Make YP aware to keep their hands inside the boat at all time to avoid crushing from mooring or other boats. YP advised on correct procedure for holding ropes and when to let go to avoid rope burns.	
Head injuries from boom	All Present	Briefing sessions to make all aware. Secure equipmen. Provide padding to booms, provide helmets to all if conditions require or to where peoples needs dictate	
High winds	All Present	Ascertain and monitor weather / wind conditions, direction and speed before and throughout the session, Instructors to review conditions and to cancel / cut short sessions if conditions dictate, Reef boats, sail without jibs, rnsure correct distribution of young people on boats to provide adequate weight in boats	
Hypothermia / cold immersion	All Present	Dangers taught to all those boating or undertaking any water activity . all to recognise symptoms, all to wear appropriate clothing, all instructors to be First Aid trained incl Hypothermia, Don't boat in cold water / wintery conditions, Check windchill, Anyone showing signs of hypothermia to be taken ashore to warm / dry (indoor) area. Heated changing facilities, administer warm drinks after each session.	

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Injury from rescue boat propellor	All Present	Briefing sessions to make all aware. Appropriate use of kill chords, keep stern of boats away from people in water, Turn off engine when appropriate, all safety boat crew to be appropriately trained	
Launching & recovering safety boats to trailers - spinning winch handles	All Present	Briefing sessions to make all aware. Keep hands away from spinning handle, cranks & gears	
Lifting boats - back strain	All Present	Make all aware of danger, appropriate number of people with relative strength to lift boats, use launching trolley to carry, teach appropriate lifting techniques.	
Moving boats - trip, slip and crush injuries	All Present	Briefing sessions to make all aware. Exercise caution of slippery slipways, no one to be behind boat on slipway. Appropriate number of people with relative strength to move boats, identify obstruction free working area	
Sharp objects on foreshore & cuts to feet	All Present	Briefing sessions to make all aware. Wear appropriate footwear.	
Unseen obstructions underfoot when launching	All Present	Briefing sessions to make all aware. Appropriate footwear to be worn at all times, launch away from mooring areas on slipway. Aware of end of slipway and sides.	
Vehicle and trailer movements	All Present	Briefing sessions to make all aware. Briefing sessions to be away from vehicle areas and slipway. Reduce numbers of people in main launching slip area.	
Weils Disease	All Present	Briefing sessions, reminders to wash after boating and before eating.	

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